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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: In The Matter Of Carriage Of The Transmissions Of Digital Television
Broadcast Stations -- CS Docket No. 98-120
Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the
Conversion to Digital Television, MB Docket No. 03-15
Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements for Television Broadcast
Licensee Public Interest Obligations, MM Docket No. 00-168**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, we hereby submit this notice regarding an *ex parte* meeting in the above referenced proceeding.

On February 3, 2005, representatives of the Public Interest, Public Airwaves Coalition met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and his legal advisor, Eric Bash. Attending the meeting were Meredith McGehee, Alliance for Better Campaigns; Gloria Tristani, Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ, Inc.; Celia Wexler, Common Cause; Jeff Chester, Center for Digital Democracy; Angela Campbell and Karen Henein, Institute for Public Representation at Georgetown University Law Center.

The coalition-members discussed the importance of deciding public interest obligations for broadcasters before a multicast must-carry vote. Also stressed was the importance of effective public interest obligations to help insulate multicast must-carry from constitutional challenges. As described in the attached memo, coalition-members argued that public interest processing guidelines could be implemented without a notice and comment rulemaking process. In particular, coalition members stressed the importance of including three hours of local civic and public affairs programming in a minimum public interest processing guideline, as proposed in our PIPA Coalition proposal attached herein.

In accordance with FCC rules, this notice is being filed electronically in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 662-9545.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Karen Henein